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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

It would be wrong to eliminate the competition for multiple reasons. The big companies will hike rates and they don't even offer me service where I live due to residing in a rural area. Please don't allow this to happen! Competition is good! Monopolies are bad! No competition means total control and price hikes. People like me in rural communities don't have the ability to make big bucks due to no industry here. We need small companies to service us at reduced rates. Not to mention, the smaller companies service us better than the big companies!

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